

What is claimed is:

1. A zipper pull comprising: a slider body, which is fixed to respective portions of an article, and selectively engages and disengages opposed engaging elements of a pair of co-operating zipper stringers by operation of the zipper pull; a pull-tab movably connected to the slider body and made of rigid material; and a cover member connected to the pull-tab and made movable between a first position in which the pull-tab is concealed in an immovable state and a second position in which the pull-tab is revealed, wherein

the cover member is made of a soft material and has a shape so as to prevent a condition that the pull-tab substantially and directly contacts adjoining portions of the article at the first position.

2. A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein a receptacle for receiving and holding at least the pull-tab is formed on an inner side surface of said cover member.

3. A zipper pull according to claim 2, wherein the receptacle of the cover member has an entrance passage having a size smaller than a corresponding dimension of the pull-tab and the pull-tab is firmly fitted in the receptacle through the entrance passage.

4. A zipper pull according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a receptacle for receiving and holding at least a part of right and left side surfaces of a slider body is formed on an inner side surface of the cover member.

5. A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein an outer side surface in a longitudinal direction of the cover member has a convex curved surface.

6. A zipper pull according to claim 1 or 5, wherein the cover member is essentially shell-shaped, and its inner side surface is a concave curved surface facing a pull-tab.

7. A zipper pull according to claim 6, wherein the cover member has an essentially C-shaped transverse cross section.

8. A zipper pull according to claim 1 or claim 7, wherein the cover member has an end portion which at a first position axially protrudes with respect to a pull-tab and a slider body and is manually grasped by a user to displace the cover member from the first position.

9. A zipper pull according to claim 8, wherein the end portion of the cover member is longitudinally tapered.

10. A zipper pull according to claim 8 or claim 9, wherein the end portion of the cover member has a tapered side surface.

11. A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein the cover member is made of soft plastics or rubber material.

12. A zipper pull according to claim 4, wherein a pull-tab has a first end portion that is connected to said slider body;

the cover member has an upper wall portion and right and left side wall portions and is connected to a second end portion of the pull-tab, which is at an opposite side of the first end portion; and

moving interruption means is provided to prevent a relative movement of the slider body and the cover member at a first position of the cover member.

13. A zipper pull according to claim 12, wherein the moving interruption means is provided at a part of receptacles of the cover member.

14. A zipper pull according to claim 13, wherein a slider body has a pull attaching post on a part of an upper surface of the slider body, and the pull attaching post is fitted and supported in the receptacle by said moving interruption means.

15. A zipper pull according to claim 14, wherein, on an inner surface of an upper wall portion of a cover member, a fitting concave portion is provided to be engaged with an upper end portion of the pull attaching post.

16. A zipper pull according to claim 13, wherein the moving interruption means is provided at a part of right and left end portions of an upper wing plate of a slider body and the receptacle is provided at a part between opposed surfaces of right and left side wall portions of the cover member, and by the moving interruption means, the receptacle is fitted and supported at the part of the right and left end portions of the upper wing plate.

17. A zipper pull according to claim 16, wherein the moving interruption means are formed on the opposed surfaces of the right and left side wall portions of the cover member and the

right and left end surfaces of the slider body, respectively, and the moving interruption means has a projection portion or a concave portion to be fitted with each other.

18. A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein the cover member is hingedly connected to the pull-tab.

19. A zipper pull according to claim 1, wherein the pull-tab has a first end connected to the slider body, and the cover member is connected to a second end of the pull-tab which is opposite to the first end, whereby at the second position the cover member forms an extended portion of the pull-tab to be grasped by a user.